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## SENATE BILL No. 350

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DIGEST OF SB 350 (Updated January 20, 2016 12:45 pm - DI 104)

**Citations Affected:** IC 10-13; IC 16-18; IC 16-27.

**Synopsis:** Criminal history background checks for home health workers. Requires a home health agency or personal services agency to obtain a national criminal history background check on employees. (Current law requires a limited criminal history record unless certain circumstances exist that would require a national criminal history background check or an expanded criminal history background check.)

**Effective:** July 1, 2016.

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January 7, 2016, read first time and referred to Committee on Health & Provider Services.  
January 21, 2016, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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## SENATE BILL No. 350

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 10-13-3-36, AS AMENDED BY P.L.117-2015,  
2 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 36. (a) The department may not charge a fee for  
4 responding to a request for the release of a limited criminal history  
5 record if the request is made by a nonprofit organization:  
6 (1) that has been in existence for at least ten (10) years; and  
7 (2) that:  
8 (A) has a primary purpose of providing an individual  
9 relationship for a child with an adult volunteer if the request  
10 is made as part of a background investigation of a prospective  
11 adult volunteer for the organization;  
12 ~~(B) is a home health agency licensed under IC 16-27-1;~~  
13 ~~(C) (B)~~ (B) is a community intellectual disability and other  
14 developmental disabilities center (as defined in IC 12-7-2-39);  
15 ~~(D) (C)~~ (C) is a supervised group living facility licensed under  
16 IC 12-28-5;  
17 ~~(E) (D)~~ (D) is an area agency on aging designated under

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1 IC 12-10-1;

2 ~~(F)~~ (E) is a community action agency (as defined in  
3 IC 12-14-23-2);

4 ~~(G)~~ (F) is the owner or operator of a hospice program licensed  
5 under IC 16-25-3; or

6 ~~(H)~~ (G) is a community mental health center (as defined in  
7 IC 12-7-2-38).

8 (b) Except as provided in subsection (d), the department may not  
9 charge a fee for responding to a request for the release of a limited  
10 criminal history record made by the department of child services or the  
11 division of family resources if the request is made as part of a  
12 background investigation of an applicant for a license under IC 12-17.2  
13 or IC 31-27.

14 (c) The department may not charge a fee for responding to a request  
15 for the release of a limited criminal history if the request is made by a  
16 school corporation, special education cooperative, or nonpublic school  
17 (as defined in IC 20-18-2-12) as part of a background investigation of  
18 a prospective or current employee or a prospective or current adult  
19 volunteer for the school corporation, special education cooperative, or  
20 nonpublic school.

21 (d) As used in this subsection, "state agency" means an authority, a  
22 board, a branch, a commission, a committee, a department, a division,  
23 or another instrumentality of state government, including the executive  
24 and judicial branches of state government, the principal secretary of the  
25 senate, the principal clerk of the house of representatives, the executive  
26 director of the legislative services agency, a state elected official's  
27 office, or a body corporate and politic, but does not include a state  
28 educational institution. The department may not charge a fee for  
29 responding to a request for the release of a limited criminal history if  
30 the request is made:

31 (1) by a state agency; and

32 (2) through the computer gateway that is administered by the  
33 office of technology established by IC 4-13.1-2-1.

34 (e) The department may not charge a fee for responding to a request  
35 for the release of a limited criminal history record made by the Indiana  
36 professional licensing agency established by IC 25-1-5-3 if the request  
37 is:

38 (1) made through the computer gateway that is administered by  
39 the office of technology; and

40 (2) part of a background investigation of a practitioner or an  
41 individual who has applied for a license issued by a board (as  
42 defined in IC 25-1-9-1).



(f) The department may not charge a church or religious society a fee for responding to a request for the release of a limited criminal history record if:

(1) the church or religious society is a religious organization exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code;

(2) the request is made as part of a background investigation of a prospective or current employee or a prospective or current adult volunteer; and

(3) the employee or volunteer works in a nonprofit program or ministry of the church or religious society, including a child care ministry registered under IC 12-17.2-6.

(g) The department may not charge the school of education of a public or private postsecondary educational institution a fee for responding to a request for the release of a limited criminal history record if the request is made as part of a background investigation of a student before or after the student begins the student's field or classroom experience. However, the department may charge the student a fee for responding to a request for the release of a limited criminal history record.

SECTION 2. IC 16-18-2-121.3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]. Sec. 121.3: "Expanded criminal history check", for purposes of IC 16-27-2, has the meaning set forth in IC 16-27-2-0.5.

SECTION 3. IC 16-18-2-204.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]. Sec. 204.5: "Limited criminal history", for purposes of IC 16-27-2, has the meaning set forth in IC 16-27-2-1.5.

SECTION 4. IC 16-27-2-0.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]. Sec. 0.5: As used in this chapter, "expanded criminal history check" means a criminal history check of an individual, obtained through a private agency, that includes the following:

(1) A search of the records maintained by all counties in Indiana in which the individual who is the subject of the background check resided;

(2) A search of the records maintained by all counties or similar governmental units in another state, if the individual who is the subject of the background check resided in another state.

SECTION 5. IC 16-27-2-1.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]. Sec. 1.5: As used in this chapter, "limited criminal history" means the limited criminal history from the Indiana central repository for criminal history information under IC 10-13-3.

SECTION 6. IC 16-27-2-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.84-2010, SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE



JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 4. (a) A person who operates a home health agency under IC 16-27-1 or a personal services agency under IC 16-27-4 shall apply, not more than three (3) business days after the date that an employee begins to provide services in a patient's temporary or permanent residence, for a copy of the employee's ~~limited national criminal history unless the person is required to obtain a national criminal history background check or an expanded criminal history check under subsection (b) or (c):~~ **background check.**

(b) If a person who operates a home health agency under IC 16-27-1 or a personal services agency under IC 16-27-4 determines an employee lived outside Indiana at any time during the two (2) years immediately before the date the individual was hired by the home health agency or personal services agency, the home health agency or personal services agency shall apply, not more than three (3) business days after the date that an employee begins to provide services in a patient's temporary or permanent residence, for the employee's ~~national criminal history background check or expanded criminal history check.~~

(c) If, more than three (3) days after an employee begins providing services in a patient's temporary or permanent residence, a person who operates a home health agency under IC 16-27-1 or a personal services agency under IC 16-27-4 discovers the employee lived outside Indiana during the two (2) years immediately before the date the individual was hired, the agency shall apply, not more than three (3) business days after the date the agency learns the employee lived outside Indiana, for the employee's ~~national criminal history background check or expanded criminal history check.~~

(d) (b) A home health agency or personal services agency may not employ a person to provide services in a patient's or client's temporary or permanent residence for more than three (3) business days without applying for

(1) a national criminal history background check, ~~or an expanded criminal history check as required under subsection (b) or (c); or~~

(2) a ~~limited criminal history as required by subsection (a):~~

SECTION 7. IC 16-27-2-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.214-2013, SECTION 19, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 5. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), a person who operates a home health agency under IC 16-27-1 or a personal services agency under IC 16-27-4 may not employ a person to provide services in a patient's or client's temporary or permanent residence if that person's ~~limited criminal history, national criminal history background check or expanded criminal history check~~ indicates that the person has been convicted of any of the following:



- 1 (1) Rape (IC 35-42-4-1).
- 2 (2) Criminal deviate conduct (IC 35-42-4-2) (repealed).
- 3 (3) Exploitation of an endangered adult (IC 35-46-1-12).
- 4 (4) Failure to report battery, neglect, or exploitation of an
- 5 endangered adult (IC 35-46-1-13).
- 6 (5) Theft (IC 35-43-4), if the conviction for theft occurred less
- 7 than ten (10) years before the person's employment application
- 8 date.
- 9 (6) A felony that is substantially equivalent to a felony listed in:
- 10 (A) subdivisions (1) through (4); or
- 11 (B) subdivision (5), if the conviction for theft occurred less
- 12 than ten (10) years before the person's employment application
- 13 date;
- 14 for which the conviction was entered in another state.
- 15 (b) A home health agency or personal services agency may not
- 16 employ a person to provide services in a patient's or client's temporary
- 17 or permanent residence for more than twenty-one (21) calendar days
- 18 without receipt of that person's ~~limited criminal history~~, national
- 19 criminal history background check ~~or expanded criminal history check~~;
- 20 required by section 4 of this chapter, unless the state police department
- 21 ~~or the Federal Bureau of Investigation under IC 10-13-3-39 or the~~
- 22 ~~private agency providing the expanded criminal history check~~ is
- 23 responsible for failing to provide the person's ~~limited criminal history~~;
- 24 national criminal history background check ~~or expanded criminal~~
- 25 ~~history check~~ to the home health agency or personal services agency
- 26 within the time required under this subsection.



## COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Health & Provider Services, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 350, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is to SB 350 as introduced.)

MILLER PATRICIA, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0

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